

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Mary Kathleen & Tommy Doyle.*

10.30am: *Elizabeth & Vincent McVeigh / James & Elizabeth O'Neill.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Brigid & John Ghee.*

10.30am: *Bernie Earley, Mary Jane & Frank Earley Michael & Hanna Mulervy.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Liz Dunbar, Somerset, England and Patricia Callas, Long Island, New York, both of whom died recently. Liz and Patricia are sisters of James Brady, Cloonellan. May they Rest in Peace.

Also for Tom Ghee, England and formerly of Briskill, whose funeral is on Tuesday in Newtownforbes at 12.00 noon. May he Rest in Peace.

Last weekend Collection: €1010. Thank you.

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D). *The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.*

Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil: *Clodagh McCann* 10.30 am: *Frank Quinn*

E.Ms. – Vigiiil: *Martin Ross* 10.30 am: *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

July 11th

St Benedict (480-543)

A hermit, in what was one of the most famous monasteries, Monte Casino. He lived at a time when the Church in Italy was torn apart by schism.

Lighten the Load

In today's Gospel Jesus says "*Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest*". These are among the loveliest words in the Gospel. A kind word can lighten the load.

The Irish writer, John McGahern, tells of an incident that happened when he was the writer in residence in Trinity College. A woman came in one day a week to clean his room. In less than an hour she would have everything shinning and in its proper place. She was a charming woman and often they talked as she worked. She told him how she waited each morning for the bus at six o'clock to take her to Trinity College and that she was able to be home in time to cook the family dinner.

Of the professor who occupied the room before McGahern she said "*I cleaned his room for fourteen years and he never once spoke to me. I used to say "Good morning" at first, but after a while I didn't say anything. They say he is one of the brainiest men in the whole university, but I say he has the manners of a bowsie.*"

How a little sensitivity or a word of appreciation, would help to make a heavy burden light. It makes a world of difference when people are recognized and treated with kindness and respect.

Flor McCarthy, S D B.

Alzheimer Society

The monthly support group meeting is on **Wednesday** next at **7.00pm** in the **Attic House**, Ballinalee Rd. To book a place please call **Breda** at - **086 3802183**.

Readers Rota

The new **reader's rota** for the second half of the year is now ready. Readers, please call to the sacristy and collected it after **Mass**.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. **This is a twenty four hour service.**

